



## Lebanon Briefing Note: Inter-Agency Winterization Programme

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Winter in Lebanon is harsh, especially in the high elevations of Mount Lebanon, in the North, and the Bekaa where nearly two-thirds of all 870,000 refugees are living. Many live in accommodation that is not insulated from the elements in informal tented settlements (ITS), unfinished buildings, garages, work-sites or warehouses.

The inter-agency winterization programme targets up to 60% of all refugees from Syria (including Palestinians), Lebanese returnees and some vulnerable host community families, with: (a) support to make shelters more weatherproof; (b) non-food items (NFI), such as blankets, children's clothing, and in some cases stoves; and (c) money to purchase heating fuel for the poorest households and schools to promote attendance during the winter months.

### Shelter

Shelter materials such as plastic sheeting, timber, external doors, ironmongery and tools worth about \$ 200 are being distributed to 38,200 households (191,000 people) during the winter months (November to March), for refugees to improve their own shelters. With the expectation that some ITS might suffer flooding, inter-agency partners have been working to clear drainage channels of solid waste. An additional \$ 500,000 is available to support the most vulnerable in case of flooding.

### Non-Food Items (NFI)

NFIs are provided to all registered refugees defined as vulnerable *and* living above 500 meters, any refugee or returnee living in ITS and unfinished buildings, plus any other person with special needs or particular vulnerabilities. NFIs distributed include: one high thermal blanket or quilt, a stove, and \$ 100 per household per month for fuel (accessed through ATM cash cards), at a cost per household of \$ 670 for all five winter months.

To date 84,500 households (422,500 people) have received blankets, stoves (in-kind or cash in lieu) and the winter fuel allowance through ATM cards or vouchers; 95.7% of the target for this stage of the winter and 79.7% of the total.

### Child Protection

To date, 70,000 children under 15 living in ITS across Lebanon have been provided with winter clothing with distributions ongoing, likely to reach approximately 123,000 children. An additional 40,000 children living in collective centres and other vulnerable sites across the country have received winter clothing vouchers valued at \$ 40 each, with distributions ongoing. Overall, the project will reach over 198,000 vulnerable children across Lebanon, including Palestinian refugees from Syria.

### Education

Despite early project difficulties, so far over 113 schools have been supported through the Fuel-for-Schools programme that provides up to 2,000 liters per school for heating; benefiting approximately 30,000 Syrian refugee and Lebanese students, including 5 UNRWA schools in the Bekaa with 2,600 Palestinian refugee students.

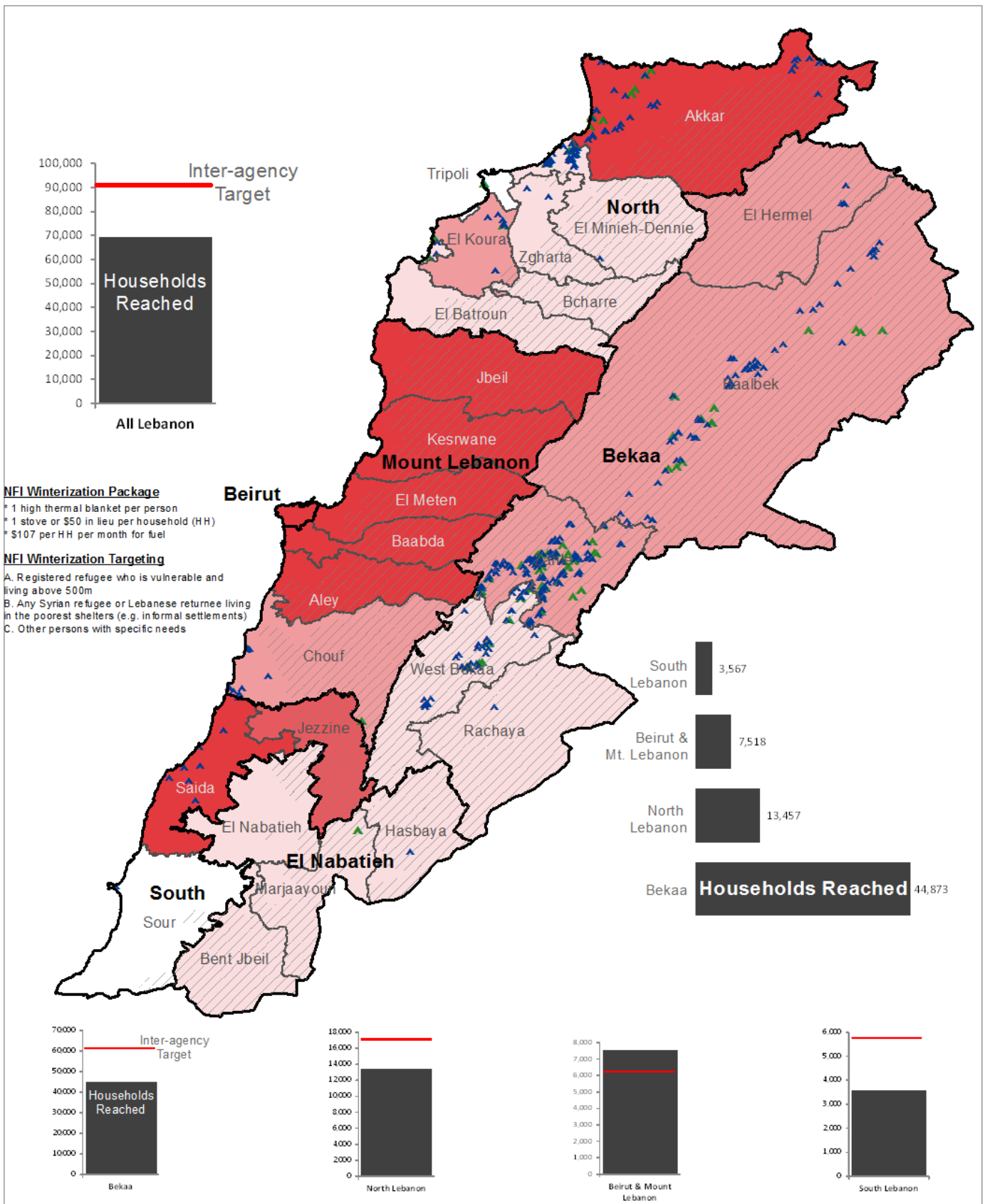
### Sector Budgets, Targets & Achievements to date

Winterization Activity per Sector	Cost (USD)	# HH Targeted	Refugees Targeted	# Reached	% Achieved
Shelter Weatherproofing	\$ 7,400,000	39,000	195,000	191,000	98%
Core Relief Items (CRI & fuel for households)	\$ 71,020,000	106,000	530,000	422,500	79.7 %
Child Protection (children's clothing)	\$ 9,600,000	-	198,000	110,000	56%
Education (fuel for schools)	\$ 1,600,000	-	137,500	30,000	22%

# SYRIA REFUGEE RESPONSE

## LEBANON NFI Winterization Achieved

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